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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Madam Speaker, on June 15, 2009, I was unable to cast votes because of flight delays which prevented me from arriving in Washington on time. Had I been present, I would have voted accordingly: H. Res. 430—"yea"; H.R. 2325—"yea"; H.R. 729—"yea"; and H. Res. 540—"yea."

SHAME ON IRAN'S ELECTION PROCESS

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, what did happen in Iran just a few days ago? I think this picture evidences that there were voters who felt that what happened did not capture the essence of those who sacrificed and went to vote. Young people, women and urbanites went in massive numbers to vote. In fact, this article suggests that there were polling places even in the United States where Iranian Americans went to vote to, in essence, declare they wanted freedom. They wanted to be able to have the opportunity to live in a democracy, to build their economy.

I would ask the so-called "elected person" to do the right thing or there is shame on this process. I ask for the NGOs of the world and the NDI to stand up and question the irregularities of this election. Stand for people who want peace and a democratic election. Let us raise our voices. The United Nations should raise its voice. No, we're not trying to select the next President of Iran. We're only asking for the people to elect the next President of Iran. Shame on Iran's election process.

HEALTH CARE

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to discuss the issue of health care.

For 28 years, I was committed to delivering quality health care services as a health care professional. I came to Congress with the commitment of strengthening the quality, accessibility, and affordability of our health care system, which is already one of the best in the world.

Madam Speaker, the Democratic Party is intent on rushing a health care plan through Congress that expands government control and that will ultimately decrease access and quality.

While we consume the attention of Congress on this big government proposal, we have ignored critical workforce health care issues. As the baby boomer generation retires, it will be increasingly difficult to find qualified health care providers to deliver services needed.

The debate on health care reform must focus on priority issues that truly impact services. A larger government health care bureaucracy is a cause, not a cure, to the problems of access, quality and affordability. Real health care issues, like health care workforce, is where our efforts should be focused.

NETWORKS IGNORE CAP-AND-TRADE'S COST TO AMERICANS

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has determined that capand-trade legislation will cost American families at least \$1,600 a year. Other studies have found that the cost of energy could be up to \$3,600 per family. It would be more accurate to call cap-and-trade "cap-and-tax," but you are unlikely to hear about cap-and-tax and its cost by watching the news.

According to the Media Research Center, the three network evening news programs mentioned "cap-and-tax" in only four stories from January to May. None of the four stories explained cap-and-tax and its high cost to consumers. The price of gas and electricity will go up, as will the price of food. The media need to report the facts about cap-and-tax and need to tell the American people what it will cost them.

TAX THEM TO DEATH

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, somewhere in the dank dungeons of the Federal Government, the taxacrats are loose, and now they're working on a new tax to tax the middle class out of existence. Death by a thousand taxes. This time, they're talking about taxing health care benefits that folks get from their employers. In other words, if you take care of your family by having health benefits, you're going to be punished for doing so.

I thought the goal was to make sure that everyone had affordable health

care. That's what the taxacrats do tell us, but if that's the goal, it doesn't make any sense at all to make health care more expensive by taxing it. Someone is going to have to explain to me how raising taxes on working people is going to make things better for all of us.

The taxacrats are trying to convince people that taxing health insurance won't affect very many people. Well, if that's true, experts say it's not going to be enough money to pay for the government-run health care socialized system we're going to. They also want to mandate coverage. That means that they'll tax anyone who doesn't buy insurance. Taxed if you do. Taxed if you don't. It's enough to make a person sick. That's not a very healthy health care plan.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING TWO HIGH SCHOOL LA-CROSSE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to two recent State championship teams from Minnesota's Third Congressional District.

My hometown Eden Prairie Eagles won the Minnesota High School Girls' Lacrosse Championship last week. Under coaches Judy Baxter and Beth Patterson, the Eagles claimed a comefrom-behind victory over Blake to win their fifth State title in that sport.

The Minnetonka High School Boys' Lacrosse Team, led by coach Aaron Oliver, defeated Eastview to win their very first State championship—capping off a fantastic year in which they were ranked number 1 for the entire season.

The hard work and dedication of these scholar athletes helped them achieve something that they will remember. I commend each of them, along with their coaches, trainers, educators, and parents who helped make these championships possible.

BLOOD IN THE STREETS OF IRAN

(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, you know there is blood in the streets in Iran tonight. It's the morning over there, but blood is running in the streets. People have been outraged at what they say was the stealing of an election.

So does it help to have a President who has continued to make clear he would meet with the ruthless denier of the Holocaust—with this totalitarian, mean-spirited, unjust, unfairly elected leader? It doesn't. Messages go around the world when you say you'll meet with a tyrant without preconditions.

May God be with those who are trying to see that justice is done, and may